

Agenda-Main Street Committee Meeting

Monday November 18, 2013

The meeting was held at Reter's Crab House & Grill, 509 Main Street Reisterstown Maryland

The meeting was called to order at 10 am

No introductions as everyone knew each other

Committee Updates

Organization-Chair Mary Molinaro was not able to attend, but reports the committee is looking into writing/applying for grants. Volunteers are welcome. Please email Amy Mantay if you would like to participate... A meeting is planned for December 2 at 10 to meet with Amy Menzer of the Dundalk Renaissance Group to get ideas about how to apply for funds.

Economic Restructuring- Chair Paul Davolos was not able to attend, but reports the second outreach mailing of postcards was done. Amy and Paul have both received inquiries and 2-3 have expressed a real interest in the available programs. The committee will meet at Farmer's & Merchants Bank in Reisterstown on December 18 at 9:30 am... Guest speaker will be Mike Mohler, Chief Administrator of Permits, Approvals & Inspections, to discuss how to acquire liquor licenses.

Promotions-The committee recently had a meeting concerning upcoming Main Street Holiday Events. We are signed up with American Express and will receive a promotion package for Small Business Saturday. Any other business may also request these same materials. Some businesses will not be open but we encourage all shops to be open and have consistent hours of operation. RUMC has offered free parking on their back lot-we need signs to advertise this.

Tree Lighting at RUMC on Dec 1

RUMC is having an event December 14. They will have high school carolers singing seasonal music. Santa will be there, too. This is another chance to create buzz on Main Street. Hopefully, the attendees will also shop Main Street.

Discussion-Decorating Main Street with Wreaths. The chamber bought wreaths several years ago but no one is sure where they are or if they are still available. It would be nice to decorate Main Street with wreaths this year.

Design- Chair Irwin Kramer reports we are waiting for the SHA to complete projects they committed to. The faux brick is being installed in the street at intersections. Amy will follow-up on this. The work will not be done at the middle school but will be completed in all other areas.

Clean, Safe & Green- Chair Dan Carey reports the committee trimmed the trees near the CITGO Station. The Crisis Center needs canned goods and hygiene products. We will coordinate w/RUMC to collect these items. Amy will get a list of needed items.

The next Main Street Clean-Up is Saturday, December 7. Meet at Reter's Crab House parking lot at 9 am. We are usually finished by 10:30 am. Bags and gloves are provided

Discussion;

Bus Stop Update at Franklin H.S. Tony Baysmore could not attend but reported to Amy Mantay that he spoke to the FHS principle. He will assign a student club a month to clean the bus stop. Another trash receptacle was added, so there are now 3 at that location. The trash is picked up by the county every Tuesday. The paper box secured by a cable will be removed soon. This stop, made of wood, is on the MTA list for replacement. The new stop will be clear.

National Register- Terry Reising is very close to completing the update of historic structures.

Sustainable Community- Our application was submitted. Being part of this makes grant funds more readily available to us. Our application was the last one to be accepted.

Spooktacular- this was a great Main Street event. Many children and parents were walking Main Street trick-or-Treating. Police assistance is needed when there are large Main Street events, as many drivers speed and do not stop when pedestrians need to cross the street. We will request that a police car sit at 324 Main St to use radar and to just be a presence on the street.

We have 2 new businesses on Main Street; Divine Consigns & Designs at 322 A Main and Just the Occasion at 303 Main St. Please stop to welcome them.

December is a busy time for businesses but also for crime. Be aware and alert. Don't leave valuables in plain sight in your car and be aware of your surroundings.

The meeting ended at 10:30 am

Submitted by Kathy Gambrill